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SUBJ: NAMIBIA: CONTACT GROUP INVITATION TO SWAPO

REF: (A) USUN 5816, (B) USUN 5715

1. ON BEHALF OF THE LUSAKA CONTACT GROUP, AMBASSADOR LOW AND FRENCH AMBASSADOR MET WITH SWAPO VICE PRESIDENT MUYONGO AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY GAROEB AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 27 TO DELIVER COPY OF INVITATION TO ATTEND TALKS WITH CONTACT GROUP IN NEW YORK JANUARY 17 (REFTEL A). AFTER READING INVITATION, MUYONGO SAID IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT AT LAST MEETING IN NEW YORK THE CONTACT GROUP HAD SAID THAT ANY FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH SWAPO WOULD TAKE PLACE IN LUSAKA. AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT THAT PRESENT INVITATION
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MENTIONED THAT DISCUSSIONS WOULD ALSO BE TAKING PLACE WITH OTHER CONCERNED PARTIES. MUYONGO ACCEPTED THAT THIS FACTOR AFFECTED SITUATION, ALTHOUGH SWAPO WOULD STILL FACE DIFFICULTY OF NEGOTIATING TEAM CHECKING WITH SWAPO EXECUTIVE IF MEETINGS WERE IN NEW YORK.

2. GAROEB NOTED THAT SWAPO HAS CONSTANTLY MAINTAINED THAT

DOOR REMAINS OPEN FOR NEGOTIATIONS. BOTH HE AND MUYONGO INDICATED THEY HAD NO FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM WITH A NEW YORK MEETING. HAVING WRITTEN PROPOSALS PRIOR TO MEETING WOULD HELP MITIGATE DIFFICULTIES OF GETTING ADVICE OF SWAPO EXECUTIVE. MUYONGO EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN ABOUT WHETHER OTHER PARTIES MIGHT MEAN THE TURNHALLE GROUP, WHICH WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE. AMBASSADOR ASSURED HIM THAT THIS WAS NOT WHAT THE CONTACT GROUP HAD IN MIND. MUYONGO ALSO ASKED WHETHER THE SAG HAD AGREED TO MEET IN NEW YORK, AND IT WAS EXPLAINED THAT OTHER CONCERNED PARTIES HAD NOT YET HAD TIME TO RESPOND TO THE INVITATIONS.

3. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION FROM FRENCH AMBASSADOR, MUYONGO SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT SWAPO WOULD HAVE RESPONSE TO INVITATION SHORTLY AFTER THE NEW YEAR. AS TO CURRENT WHEREABOUTS OF NUJOMA, MUYONGO SAID THAT HE WAS NOW IN WARSAW, AND THAT SWAPO WAS MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH HIM WITH SOME DIFFICULTY.

4. AT CLOSE OF MEETING, AMBASSADOR RAISED POINTS REFTEL B, CLARIFYING STATEMENTS MADE IN SWAPO PRESS RELEASE OF DECEMBER 14, AND RAISING QUESTION OF CONFIDENTIALITY OF DISCUSSIONS WITH CONTACT GROUP. MUYONGO SAID THAT THERE MUST HAVE BEEN A MISUNDERSTANDING DURING THE DECEMBER 12 MEETING WITH THE FIVE ON THE QUESTION OF SOUTH AFRICA'S PROPOSAL REGARDING DISPOSITION OF UN PERSONNEL. EIGHT
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SWAPO PARTICIPANTS LEFT THE MEETING UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT SAG WAS PROPOSING THAT ALL UN FORCES WOULD BE NORTH OF THE NAMIBIAN BORDER. HE SAID HE APPRECIATED THE CLARIFICATION. LOW

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